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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUEST: MICHAEL KLUNDER

1. MICHAEL KLUNDER, SINGLE, EAST GERMAN NATIONAL BORN DECEMBER 2, 1951 IN WEEK ON THE ISLAND OF RUGEN, OCCUPATION MERCHANT SEAMAN, ARRIVED AT OUR CONSULAR SECTION MORNING JAN 28, 1976 AND REQUESTED OUR ARRANGING HIS ENTRY TO AMERICA.

2. KLUNDER HAS NO RPT NO TRAVEL DOCUMENT AS HE WAS ON SHORE LEAVE FROM HIS SHIP, THE RUDOLF DIESEL, AN EAST GERMAN VESSEL FROM ROSTOCK. SHIP IS OWNED BY VED DEUTFRACHT/SEEREEDEREI OF ROSTOCK. THE SHIP IS NOW IN TARTOUS AND ITS EXPECTED TO SAIL TO ALEXANDRIA IN SIX OR SEVEN DAYS. KLUNDER IS AWOL AS OF TODAY BUT WE BELIEVE NO RPT NOT FOREIGN AUTHORITIES AWARE HIS SEEKING ASYLUM.

3. KLUNDER STATES WISHES LIVE IN U.S. FOR PERSONAL
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FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE THERE. HE ALSO

MENTIONED HE THINKING OF SOUTH AFRICA AS ALTERNATIVE.

SAYS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN U.S. OR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. WE KNOW OF NO RPT NO PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGES.

5. KLUNDER STATES HE NEVER MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY. HE IS, SINCE 1965, MEMBER OF FDJ, THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION. HE STATES HE SERVED IN THE GDR VOLKSARMEE, NAVAL BRANCH, AS AN NCO FROM 1971, TO 1974, AND THAT HE NEVER LEFT GDR DURING THAT TIME.

6. KLUNDER IS WITHOUT ANY DOCUMENTATION AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE ABLE REGISTER IN ANY HOTEL TONIGHT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HE HAS FUNDS ENOUGH ONLY FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS.

7. GIVEN ALEXANDRIA AS SHIP'S REPORTED NEXT PORT OF CALL, ADVISE IF UNHCR OFFICE STILL FUNCTIONING IN CAIRO.

8. WE CONSIDER THAT SYRIAN AUTHORITIES, IF AWARE OF KLUNDER'S SITUATION, WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM GDR EMBASSY. KLUNDER IS NOW IN OUR CONSULAR SECTION AND WE WILL PERMIT HIM TO REMAIN THERE TILL DEPARTMENT'S REPLY RECEIVED. REQUEST NIACT PRECEDENCE REPLY.
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